Encouragement to Ayurvedic Medicine

511. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal or project to encourage Ayurvedic Medicine;

(b) if so, whether the proposal also covers Education of Ayurvedic Medicine;

(c) whether the Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers have approached Government regarding the problems faced by them in competition to parallel drugs in the country;

(d) whether Government propose to play a part of reviving the ancient Ayurvedic Medicine System in the country; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of ISM&H has already implemented various schemes *e.g.* upgradation of undergraduate/postgraduate institutions, standardization of drugs, encouraging intra-mural and extra-mural research and dissemination of information and awareness building through information, education and communication (IEC).

(c) Ayurveda Drug Manufacturers have approached the Government for facilitating availability of raw materials; fiscal incentives and concession and conferring status of priority and green industry.

(d) and (e) The Central Government has enunciated the National Policy on Indian System of Medicine & Homoeopathy 2002, which spells various short term and long term strategies to address all the developmental programmes for the revival of the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy. A number of new schemes for the development of the section have also been approved for 10th Plan period.